GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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REDUCTION IN TARIFF OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reduced its tariffs from fixed line subscribers;

(b) if so, the number of phases in which the tariffs have been reduced this year;

(c) the reasons for reducing the tariff in phases;

(d) the total tariff reduced in each phase; and

(e) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main tariff reduction has been effected in three phases.

(c) Phase-I

Reduction has been made mainly on account of competition and new IUC. The reduction in ISD rate is mainly on account of termination charges effected by foreign carriers.

Phase-II

Based on competition in the market.

Phase-III

Reduction in termination charges.

(d) & (e) Details are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE -A

REDUCTION OF TARIFF OF FIXED LINE DURING YEAR 2004.

(Amount inRupees/Minute)

Item	Old rate		Revised Rate		0% of reduction
	Peak	O/Peak	Peak	O/Peak	Peak O/Peak
Phase I (Effective from 10-04-2004)					
ISD Tariff					

USA	24.00	21.18	7.20	7.20	70%	66%
Canada	24.00	21.18	7.20	7.20	70%	66%
UK	24.00	21.18	7.20	7.20	70%	66%
Europe (other than UK)	24.00	21.18	9.60	9.60	60%	54.67%
Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Hong Kong	21.18	18.00	960	9.60	54.67%	46.66%
SSRC & other neighboring	21.18	18.00	18.00	18.00	15%	NIL
Rest of the World	24.00	21.18	18.00	18.00	25%	15%
STD Tariff						
Inter Circle						
>200-500 Kms	4.80	2.40	3.60	2.40	25%	Nil
>500 Kms	4.80	4.80	3.60	3.60	25%	25%
Phase II (Effective from 10-09-2004)						
Intra Circle						
>100	1.80	1.80	1.20	1.20	33.33%	33.33%
Inter Circle						
>200-500 Kms	3.60	2.40	2.40	2.40	33.33%	Nil
>500 Kms	3.60	3.60	2.40	2.40	33.33%	33.33%
Phase III (Effective from 21-10-2004)						
ISD Tariff						
Sri Lanka	18.00	18.00	12.00	12.00	33.33 %	33.33%

• Per minute rates are based on Rs.1.20 per pulse. • Above tariff is applicable for Basic to Basic.